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Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero—Owing to windy and stormy weather his reports have been delayed.

Respectfully,

J. M. LINDSLEY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Remainder of Lancaster's crew leave for New York.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *March 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the departure of Garrett Henry Lynch, chief yeoman, and Andrew Joseph Barrett, chief gunner's mate of the training ship *Lancaster*, for New York on the United States transport *McPherson*.

Respectfully,

J. M. LINDSLEY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, *March 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward report of this station for the week ended March 24, 1900:

The exit of American passengers continues heavy, as will be seen by the subjoined report. A very considerable number of these passengers go through Florida, intending to spend the month of April at the various resorts in that State. One of these passengers came near developing fever in the United States. He had engaged space on one of the Florida lines, intending to stop in that State, but postponed his departure to the next trip from some unknown reason. About thirty-six hours after he had intended leaving he developed yellow fever and died last night.

The amount of yellow fever in town continues small, 2 cases only and 1 death being reported this week. Both of the cases were in Americans. The disease—although there is not much of it—is, as compared with last year, unusually scattered in the residence, and even the better class residence portion of town. So far, there has been none on the water.

We are engaged in determining the immunity of the crews for the Florida passenger traffic, and to balance the loss of the cedula system we have the names, etc., of all that are reported with yellow fever in 1899, and to date this year. These cases were passed on by a competent board, and had yellow fever.

I am endeavoring to obtain, by purchase or otherwise, the hospital records of the principal quintas where this disease has been treated in times past. As a rule cases are not diagnosed as yellow fever at these places unless they are fairly well marked; the mortality in them averaging from 30 to 40 per cent, I think shows they have not recorded the light or doubtful cases. If we can get these we can pass in any particular case with far less trouble on the extremely vexed question of yellow fever immunity.

I have made arrangements with both the Florida lines for handling baggage of through passengers by the method outlined in my letter of March 5, 1900, which I think gives full security.

Disinfection of all package mail for the Southern States and of baggage under Department Circular of June 17, 1899, will commence on April 1.

Pilots have been instructed to lay to vessels from ports whence plague is reported (this office notifying the captain of the port from time to time of such ports) without going on board. Our office will be notified by signal and these vessels will be inspected outside of the harbor and their disposition determined (*i. e.*, whether they be allowed to enter the harbor or not) outside. Arrangements have been made to have such bacteriological examinations as may be necessary at this station made at the municipal laboratory here.

I inclose mortuary statistics and report of the out-going passenger department.

Respectfully,

H. R. CARTER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

Mortality table for the week ended March 24, 1900, of the city of Havana.

	Deaths.
Tuberculosis	17
Enteritis.....	8
Pneumonia.....	10
Malarial fever.....	5
Perniciosa.....	2
La grippe.....	3
Enteric fever.....	2
Yellow fever.....	1
From all causes.....	48

NOTE.—Attention is invited to the large number of deaths from pneumonia, due probably to the epidemic of la grippe prevailing in Havana, which also obscures to some extent the diagnosis of yellow fever.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

Report of passengers examined on account of smallpox.

Date.	Vac- cina- tions.	Exam- ina- tions.	Date.	Vac- cina- tions.	Exam- ina- tions.
Sunday, March 18.....	0	9	Friday, March 23.....	19	199
Monday, March 19.....	27	192	Saturday, March 24.....	9	84
Tuesday, March 20.....	9	122			
Wednesday, March 21.....	9	117	Total	89	858
Thursday, March 22.....	16	135			

Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

MATANZAS, CUBA, *March 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended March 24, 1900:

Matanzas.—Twenty-three deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 30.02 per thousand. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 8; malaria, 4; la grippe, 2; bronchitis, 2; other causes, 7. One case of diphtheria was reported during the week. Four foreign vessels were inspected on arrival. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. Twenty-two health certificates were issued, 8 of these to persons leaving the island via Havana. Twenty-six pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 1 was disinfected.